

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 21, 2003 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. This response is timely filed by virtue of the Petition to Revoke being filed herewith.

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 6 has been amended. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 9-17, 19-23, 26-27, 39, and 40 stand allowed and claims 6-8 stand rejected.

Claims 1-3, 6-17, 19-23, 26-27, 39, and 40 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112:

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness.

In response, dependent claim 6, from which claims 7-8 depend from, has been amended to resolve the rejection.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the § 112, second paragraph rejections to the claims be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION:

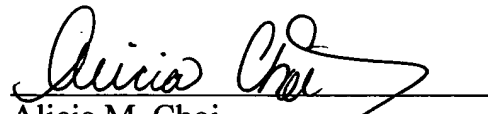
Applicants therefore respectfully requests that each of claims 6-8 be found allowable and, along with allowed claims 1-3, 9-17, 19-23, 26-27, 39, and 40, this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time.

Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged
to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,


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